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Local farmers' market grows, attracts the SU community

BY SARA JACOBY
Staff Writer

The Camden Avenue Farmers' Market has evolved from a single stand to a flourishing local market that both community members and Salisbury University staff and students have come to enjoy.

The Community Supported

Agriculture pick-up location gained popularity when locals became more interested in buying locally grown produce. The organization sold produce in bulk orders to members, but other potential buyers could not purchase items for individual sale. As a result, the organization moved its location to a bigger and more

desirable setting. Since then, the market has greatly expanded and sales have increased.

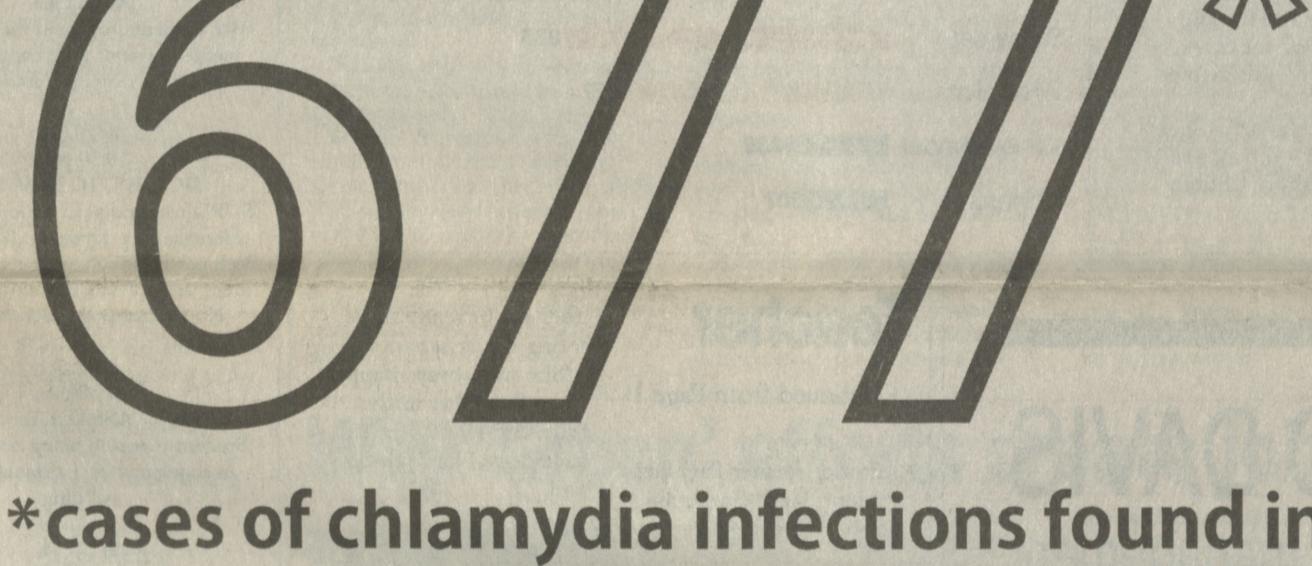
Jay Martin of Provident Organic Farm is the market coordinator and original farmer who started the market five years ago. The market began as a single stand selling produce from Martin's farm, which is based in Bivalve, Md. He

began selling his own leafy greens, cucumbers, peppers and other produce. Since then, the market has drastically grown and brought on almost 20 additional vendors.

One vendor, John Orth of Yum Café on West Main Street, said he noticed a large increase in attendance of SU faculty and students

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STD rate rumors get put to rest



*cases of chlamydia infections found in Wicomico County per 100,000 people

BY CHRIS FRANKLIN
Staff Writer

Ask any Salisbury University student what the sexually transmitted disease rate is on campus, and you'll likely get as many answers as there are students. Does every one in five students have an STD? Every one in two?

"I am well aware of the rumors around campus," said sophomore

Chip Helferstay. "Even when I go back home, people talk about it. It is always in the back of my mind."

Helferstay was referring to a rumor stating that one out of every four students carries an STD at SU.

Various sources can be credited to these rumors; one of them is the area surrounding SU. A study conducted last year by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found there were 677

chlamydia infections in Wicomico County per 100,000 people. This was the third highest chlamydia rate among the counties in Maryland.

Infection rates have also been rising rapidly on a national scale. The rate of 20- to 24-year-olds infected with chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis in 2009 was 863.86 per 100,000 people, rising by over 200 per 100,000 people from 1999.

SU is increasingly involved in confronting the issue. Jennifer Berkman, director of Student Health Services, said students are educated about STDs during orientation, in classes related to health, in on-campus programs and in residence halls. Berkman said rumors around campus could be the result of SU's proactive approach

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BY JULIE MESSICK
Staff Writer

Of the 1,250 incoming freshmen at Salisbury University this semester, 20 are graduates of Parkside High School, where the late Alice Davis taught English.

Davis was reported missing on Sept. 4 by her husband, Jess Davis, after he said she did not return home from a Wal-Mart shopping trip.

Her car was later found in the Big Lots parking lot across from the Fruitland Wal-Mart. Police questioned

Alice Davis, photo courtesy of Parkside High School

Jess Davis about his wife's disappearance and found inconsistencies in his story. On Sept. 7 he was found in his home after committing suicide. After this development, Jess became the main suspect in the investigation.

The search continued for Davis until last Sunday, when a body found in Princess Anne was identified as Alice Davis. The investigation of this case has been closed, with the police determining that Davis was killed by her husband. Evidence suggests that Davis was killed either at or near the location where her body was found. Police suspect her husband then drove her car to the Big Lots parking lot and called a taxi to take him home.

There is no motive known yet by police as to why Jess Davis murdered his wife.

Alice Davis' former student, Amy Mitschke, remembers her fondly. Mitschke said she was shocked when she heard that Davis was missing and remembers Davis as one of the nicest teachers she has ever known.

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Late Prof. Erskine left a legacy at SU

BY KATELYN DRAPER
Staff Writer

Those who knew Thomas Leonard Erskine, Professor Emeritus of the English department at SU, remember him for his passion for teaching.

Erskine passed away June 23 after battling a prolonged illness. He was 72 years old.

"He had a marvelous sense of humor that he took to his classes, and the students recognized that," said Elizabeth Curtin, chair of the English department.

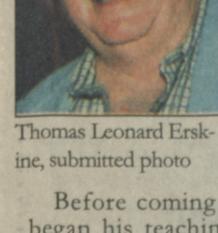
Wenke knew Erskine since he came to SU in 1985.

"He was one of those instructors that leaves a mark on you that you always remember, and he's one of those professors who remembers his students," said Laurie Rockelli, a 1982 SU alumna. "Now that I am an instructor, you see a million students a year, and it's hard to remember them, but he made the effort to get to know all of his students personally."

He also founded the Women Writers of Color Conference with Connie Richards and was the founding editor of the Literature/Film Quarterly. In his honor,

Before coming to SU, Erskine began his teaching career at the University of Delaware where he discovered a passion for the relationship between literature and film. With this desire, he organized the first Modern Language Association panel and published

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Thomas Leonard Erskine, submitted photo

Debt defers dreams amid recession

BY KATELYN DRAPER
Staff Writer

As the economy grows weaker, college students fight for the chance of higher education and battle the debt that follows.

According to creditcards.com, the average college student graduates with \$20,000 of debt each year.

Stephie Bogle, a senior dual majoring in biology and marine environmental science, said she is avoiding the temptation of credit cards altogether.

"I think credit cards are a good

way to build your credit, but I think it is a little too much for me to worry about," she said.

Bogle's parents both lost their jobs during her first year of college, and she has sought out scholarships and loans to remedy her costs.

"It's a lot of work to apply for scholarships, and I think they are becoming more difficult to get because of the economy," Bogle said.

According to Juliet Murawski, assistant director of financial aid, 70 percent of undergraduate degree-seeking students at SU filed a Free Application for federal Student Aid

for the 2010-2011 academic year. Approximately 23 percent of those who submitted a FAFSA that year received a federal Pell grant, which equates to about 1900 students and \$7 million dollars in aid.

For Stephie's sister, Holly Bogle, an SU alumna who graduated in 2010, the cost of education was too much.

"I wanted to do a lot of things. I had my idea set on getting a paralegal certificate, but I didn't have the money to cover the costs," she said.

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Rising tuition fees irk some students

BY MERYAM GHARBI
Staff Writer

As students head into the new semester, they continue to be taxed by the ever-rising tuition cost, staggering room and board costs and, to top it all off, the various student fees.

All Salisbury University students are required to pay the mandatory fees. These fees include the athletic, facilities, intramural, student activities, student recreation, technology and the University Center operating fees. During the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters, these fees added \$974 to tuition and room and board costs for full-time undergraduate students. This

semester, that value has spiked up to \$1,036.

"There are different types of fees, and depending on which type the student is going to use, the student should only have to pay for those," said sophomore Iram Sarfraz. "I should only have to pay for two fees and that would save me a lot of money for books because those are really expensive."

Without these fees, however, it would be much harder for the university to find other effective sources of funding.

"It will be a severe struggle to provide such programming without these fees. That is why it is essential for stu-

dents to become involved in the different activities that are advertised," said Sara Lowery, interim director of Student Activities. "We want to make sure that all students have the opportunity to engage in activities that will expand their mind and horizon."

Although it may be true that many students do not take advantage of all the services they are paying for, they understand that sacrifices need to be made in order for all students to have easy access to all the amenities and services SU has to offer.

"I definitely don't use all of the services," said senior Erika Chin. "I think

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Briefly Stated

WEDNESDAY
Computer Lunch Series: Time Management for Students on the Run

Meet us for the second event of the Computer Lunch Series on Wednesday, September 21 in Pocomoke Room of the GUC from noon-1 p.m. Center for Student Achievement staff help you learn more about time management strategies that will enable you to effectively juggle your different on- and off-campus responsibilities. Lunch is FREE. To reserve your spot, please contact computersconnections@salsbury.edu.

THURSDAY
Iceberg Interest Meeting

Those interested in participating in BIOL 399, "The Fishes and Other Fauna of Iceland," are invited to an interest meeting 5 p.m. Thursday, September 22 in Henson Science Hall Room 216. The three-credit course takes place for two weeks in June 2012. There are no pre-requisites and all majors are welcome. The course is taught at Holar University College in Iceland and gives students the opportunity to study the ecology, physiology and evolution of Icelandic animals in their natural setting. Those unable to attend and interested may contact Dr. Eugene Williams. The application deadline is April 2, 2012.

Market

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this summer at the market and is extremely pleased with the numbers.

"This past summer had the biggest turnout, and interest is still growing," Orth said.

Vendors range from local farmers and businesses within the Salisbury area and extend as far as 100 miles away. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, baked goods and natural meat products are just some of the attraction that has drawn more and more customers to the Camden Avenue Farmers' Market.

Martin requires that market vendors grow locally or sell products produced by local farmers. He also takes on additional vendors to fulfill certain market needs.



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Ocean City Sunfest rises for 37th year

Sunfest hailed the No.1 crafts show by Sunshine Magazine

BY COREY NETHEN
Staff Writer

While most students link Ocean City with long days on the beach, Fourth of July fireworks, and the always-entertaining late-night bus rides, this vacation hotspot offers one last exciting summer experience before fall.

The free, fun-filled Sunfest will hit the small town Sept. 22-25. The event is held at the inlet parking lot on the south end of the boardwalk. Hailed as "the number one arts and crafts show in the nation" in Sunshine Artist magazine, event-goers can expect much more than your grandmother's boring craft stand. Four big-top tents filled with live entertainment, a huge assortment of delicious food and much more is what has kept this festival alive for the last 36 years.

"There is a wide variety of art, big

personalities and bright colors that appeal to a huge crowd," said Ocean City native and Salisbury University junior Sami Tarala.

A quarter of the vendors and stands this year will be brand new exhibits. The festival's foundation was never this large though.

"Sunfest started as a party and celebration for Ocean City business owners, and over the years it has picked up and turned into what it is today," said Ocean City special events director John Sullivan.

He describes the food at the event as "Eastern Shore fare," offering classics like steamy cream of crab soup and juicy oyster sandwiches. For those who are more turf than surf, Sunfest also offers classic fair cuisine, including pit beef, barbecue and burgers.

Entry to all four days is free, excluding the tickets for headlining entertainment. Headlining act for Sept.

23 is Jamey Johnson, an up-and-coming country star known for his award-winning single "In Color."

"I saw Jamey Johnson put on a great show in Virginia before, and I'm really looking forward to seeing him play close to Salisbury," said senior Jordy Long.

Other acts include a sold-out Kenny Rogers show on Saturday and Captain Fantastic, an Elton John tribute artist, on Sunday.

"I don't think it's really that bad compared to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, which is like \$12."

- Miya Nixon, senior

"If that's what needs to be done to keep the bridge there, then that's a price everyone who uses the bridge has to be willing to pay."

- Michael Copenhaver, junior

"It's going to suck ... A lot of people aren't going to be going home as much because of the expense of gas and tolls."

- Kristina Fusco, junior

"If the bridge needs it, then that's okay."

- Ashton Daniels, freshman

"I'm outraged, because with all the people who use the Bay Bridge, \$2.50 is enough. They should at least make more lanes."

- Stephanie DeCarla, senior

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she said, there is never an entirely precise measurement. Individuals can unknowingly carry an STD, and rates cannot be entirely accurate unless every individual is tested.

Wicomico County's Health Department does not offer a prevention plan for STDs but does perform testing, counseling, treatment and follow-up exams.

Students can visit Student Health Services to talk about contraception and protection against STDs. Free condoms are offered in the self-care center as a preventative measure.

Students carry an STD. However,

"I think sometimes because we talk about it, the perception is that we have a bigger problem... if you look at it statistically, we really have no more or less of a problem than any other college campus," Berkman said.

Berkman said one national survey suggested as many as half of all college students carry an STD. However,

"It's not the competitiveness," said Martin. "It's the complementary (nature of the market) that is the spirit of this farmers' market."

The Farmers' Market is open Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. and is located in the Asbury Church parking lot.

Sexually Transmitted Infection Rate
Rates per 100,000

Baltimore City 1,322

Somerset 835

Wicomico 677

Anne Arundel 258

Montgomery 207

9/11/11 1:30 - 10:00 p.m.
WARRANT SERVICE

SUPD assisted with serving an arrest warrant on a student. Student arrested without incident.

9/10/11 12:30 a.m.
ASSAULT

Two students reported they were assaulted by four unknown subjects while walking on Camden Ave.

9/10/11 10:30 p.m.
DOMESTIC DISPUTE

SUPD responded to parking lot E in reference to a domestic disturbance. Both parties involved in a verbal argument, and left the area upon request. No further police action taken.

9/11/11 1:30 - 11:00 p.m.
ASSAULT

Student reported he was assaulted by a non-student near the area of Chesapeake Hall. SUPD located the non-student and placed him under arrest.

9/9/11 - 9/12/11 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
THEFT

Student reported their secured bicycle was stolen from the St. Martin's Bike rack.

9/12/11 9 - 9:30 p.m.
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Resident Assistant reported the Seven Hall 4th floor fire pull station glass was broken.

9/14/11 4:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Student reported their parked/unattended vehicle was maliciously vandalized while parked in Lot D.

Teacher

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Another former Parkside student, Karli Boog, did not have Davis as a teacher but remembers seeing her at school.

"She was always happy when I saw her in the halls, and all of her students loved her," Boog said.

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US vs. Europe: The difference in drinking

BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Staff Writer

It is no secret that the American college party scene would essentially lose its identity if not for one very prominent element: alcohol (and lots of it). And whether it's a rager, banger, kegger or anything in between, you can count on one common denominator: drunk people.

From the old fashioned, yet encouraging "CHUG!" chant, to the more recent invention of the beer bong, college parties seem to approach the act of drinking as less of a stroll and more of a sprint. In conjunction with the "more is better" complex that seems to accompany the American college social scene, many students can attest that "quantity over quality" has become an acceptable attitude toward many drinking and social situations.

The process of becoming in-

toxicated is certainly not a new concept; the only thing that has seemed to change about the college party scene since the "Animal House" days is the words we use to describe it. Even with the threat of alcohol poisoning, imprisonment, hangovers and beyond, students still seem to choose binge drinking as their weekend activity of choice.

Sure, many U.S. college students partake in the act of getting "wasted," but what about college students and young people in other areas of the world, such as Europe? With lowered drinking ages life must be one big, nonstop slop-fest over there, right?

As it turns out, there is not so much sloppiness. In most European countries, the legal age to be served alcohol generally ranges from 16-18 years old, significantly lower than America's strictly enforced '21 and over' policy.

Ironically, research conducted at New York State University reports that, when comparing American teenagers to those of Southern European teens, American teens were more likely to report "recent alcohol usage," and were three times more likely to drink with the intention of becoming intoxicated. It seems the

European's have a somewhat more sophisticated view toward drinking, seeing the act as more of a social enhancer rather than a social enhancer.

In fact, a 2008 study conducted by the Wall Street Journal found that 48 percent of women and 24 percent of men in Central Europe never or rarely engage in alcohol usage at all. The study also found that while 53 percent of American respondents reported needing five or more drinks to become impaired, only 20 percent of Swiss respondents from the same age group reported the same feeling.

Is it just that the youth of America are more experienced drinkers than their European counterparts? Probably not. In fact, Michal Jelinek, a Czech student studying at Penn State, attributed the binge-drinking epidemic to a much different factor:

"It's hard to get alcohol (in America); so when kids get drunk they don't know how to handle it because (alcohol) is not normally accessible to them," Jelinek said.

For now, it seems American college students will continue to enjoy their forbidden fruit, down to the last drop.

The process of becoming in-

Off-campus housing is not a hindrance

BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

There is a heavy obligation for undergraduate students to make their time within university walls count.

Although SU may be smaller than other universities, the intimacy of the setting is an invitation to be active in on-campus activities. Each student has equal opportunity to collect as many lasting memories as four years will allow.

Off-campus housing should not be thought of as a limitation to students that wish to be involved.

Services such as the shuttle running for 17 hours five days a week, and constant school emails of upcoming events are convenient tools made available to everyone. Numerous clubs and organizations are looking for members as well, which exemplifies what the college experience is all about; taking the opportunities that are presented to you.

Motivation is the key difference between a long, tedious undergraduate experience versus an active, enjoyable one. On-campus living or off, it is completely at the discretion of the student to utilize their time academically and socially.

SU is home to thousands of commuting students. Contrary to misconceptions about traveling,

off-campus living is not cause for immediate disconnection between students and these memorable university activities. Living off-campus should not encourage people to quickly go from class to class and

leave, regardless of the distance between home and campus.

In fact, living off-campus can be more fulfilling and more fitting to a young adult's lifestyle. Thus, the number of off-campus students continually grows. Instead of being directly on campus, living away adds more responsibility to what already comes with being a college student. Commutes are actually at an advantage by being a step closer to being adults in the real world.

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SU artist showcases at Third Friday

BY JOHN TULLY
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In a stark room off Main Street in downtown Salisbury this past Friday, sophomore Camille St. Regis's paintings covered two walls, filling the bare space with color and energy—she exhibited her art at the monthly Third Friday event.

"My art is bright; it is vibrant. It is emotional translated into color. I aspire to capture the aura, or the energy, of the people, animals and landscapes I paint because I feel this yields the most honest portrayal...it draws upon a deeper truth," said St. Regis, who sells under the name "Camillillustration."

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Anissa Sego photo

Salisbury University's Camille St. Regis stands in front of her painting, "Extensions of Grandeur," at Third Friday on Main Street.

and getting your name into the community is one of the hardest parts of being an artist and this is a

free venue where the people come to you," said Carlyle. "The more exposure your pieces and your name

have, the better."

"My expectations (for Third Friday) are to sell every single one of

my paintings for at least triple the asking price, which will render me fabulously wealthy and allow me to move to the coast of France and purchase a fancy, super expensive home overlooking the ocean. And before I leave I plan to graffiti the word 'King' on every building at SU," said St. Regis.

But let us be serious for a second.

"Okay," St. Regis clarified, "my real expectations are to get a few commissions which will help me pay next semester's room and board, and I do hope to sell a few of my paintings. I'm running out of room in my dorm for them."

While St. Regis has been "scribbling" since the age of two, she has exhibited her work only once before, in her home state of California, at a charity event for abused dogs. There, St. Regis bumped into minor celebrities and garnered experience in pricing her art and interacting with potential customers.

"Mostly I had fun being all dressed up and acting, or at least feeling professional. I am so lucky to have a hobby that earns me money and gets me into fancy parties," said St. Regis.

Levenbach is optimistic about her daughter's future as an artist.

"I think her art catches on really fast because you can't deny her boldness...I think she's fearless."

Human Race Machine sews common thread

BY KRISTINA JACKEREAS
Staff Writer

as diversity.

SOAP president Emma Newell explained that the machine was purchased to educate students on the topic of diversity.

"The machine provided the students with different perspectives," Newell said. "It proved that we are all the same in a sense. Just because we are different races doesn't exactly mean we are different."

The machine was a hit with students, according to Asena Terry, the president of the Multicultural Organization.

"A lot of people were curious and wanted to see what it was all about and seemed to enjoy the creative aspect of it," Terry said.

SOAP promotions chair Sean Adelbambo said it was fun to see individuals fit into different races just by facing a screen within the machine.

Students were able to morph themselves into entirely different races just by facing a screen within the machine. They could even see what they would look like at future ages.

"The machine was a really cool idea, I've never seen anything like it," said Newell.

According to Wolfman Productions, "there is only one race, the human one."

Students seemed to agree with this concept.

"The Human Race machine was fun to try," said sophomore and psychology major, Wilson Llerena. "It showed that we are really similar despite our differences."



Nick Connolly photo

SU bumps to Bhangra

BY ADEDOYIN JUNAID
Staff Writer

Many were astounded by the way in which SU students, friends, family, teachers, and community members were able to come together and have a good time.

"This is a good way for us to understand other cultures," said sophomore Marian Akwumi.

Although this was not the first multicultural event at SU, many students seemed to enjoy it more than past events.

"I have gone to one other event from last year," said senior Leila Abbasi. "I am shocked that SU would do something so cultural. I'm very pleased that we're branching out. I love it!"

The event allowed friends to enjoy themselves in a safe, fun way while giving all attendees a taste of Southeast Asian culture.

"My favorite part was the togetherness...the music is a great way to blend two cultures," Litz said.

foster their talent. "Here people can be as creative as they want without being judged," said sophomore John Posner. "You can be who you really are, even if who you really are is really weird."

The club members urge newcomers to be open to shyness.

"At one point we were all horrible at this," said troupe leader Zachary Eckstein. "Don't say no, don't give up, just go with it." His best advice for people who want to be humorous is "don't try to be funny. Don't just, just do."

Many members have made vast personal improvements aside from their comedic skills by being a part of B&G.

"I feel like I am a lot more outgoing," said sophomore Leah Conigland after her first year in the troupe. "I used to be shy; now I am really talkative and have a whole new range of friends."

B&G welcomes anyone interested to join on Mondays and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Fulton Hall, room 203. No prior experience is required, just an open mind!

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The Commons

Wednesday
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SPORTS

September 20, 2011

Sea Gulls edged by Marlins in nail-biter

Anissa Sego photo

Senior forward, Sarah Jessilonis, battles a Virginia Wesleyan defender during Wednesday's 3-2 double overtime loss.

BY ANDREW CANTOR
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's soccer team (2-3-2) suffered a tough loss to the No. 15 Virginia Wesleyan Marlins (6-0) on Sept. 14.

The Sea Gull women placed 5th overall out of 37 teams with 160 points. The top seven women were: Hailey Spinapont, who placed 18th with a time of 19:16; Anna Steinman who placed 24th with a time of 19:21; Becca Stinner who placed 34th with a time of 19:36; Kira Polimeni who placed 36th with a time of 19:40; Emily Powell who placed 53rd with a time of 20:05; Emma Bahnneman who placed 81st with a time of 20:28; and Jade Lebrock who placed 107th with a time of 20:44.

"We ran very well as a unit," said senior Emily Powell.

The Sea Gull men placed 4th overall out of 34 teams with 143 points. The top seven men were: Ryan Jackson who placed 3rd with a time of 24:52; John Fitzgerald who placed 20th with a time of 25:34; David Toller who placed 34th with a time of 25:59; Alex Arias who placed 35th with a time of 26:00; Joel Anderson who placed 62nd with a time of 26:40; Adam Rudy who placed 103rd with a time of 27:30; and Tyler Miluski who placed 105th with a time of 27:32.

"I'm really proud of our guys. We stayed where we were supposed to and ran out as a team," said sophomore Ryan Jackson.

Jones said "We rose to the occasion against some nationally recognized teams."

The teams run next in the Don Catheart Invitational on Oct. 1 at Winter Place Park, Maryland at 9:45 a.m.

This proved to be true at their home opener against St. Mary's College (MD). The Sea Gulls (11-1, CAC 2-0) continued their impressive 2011 season with a 3-0 victory over the Seahawks (2-7, 0-1 CAC). Salisbury won the match by the scores of 25-9, 25-19 and 25-12.

"We kept their middles out of the game," said head coach Maggie Knight. "Anytime you can do that, you are going to be successful. Our conference schedule is deep in the beginning, middle, and end; our practices are voracious, so

forward Morgan Brasch

converting on a beautiful

header to give SU the lead

with nine minutes remaining

in the first half.

Wesleyan looked flustered by halftime, but seemed rejuvenated in the second half as they worked the Salisbury defense. Conrad made a diving save midway through the second half, but the Marlins still tied the game at 1-1.

The Sea Gulls flew from the gate, putting pressure on the Marlins and dominating the offensive side of the field. The few times the

Marlins were able to get

possession of the ball, the SU defense swarmed quickly with very physical play, making it nearly impossible for Wesleyan to set up their attack.

"Our defense has been really strong all year," freshman goalie Michelle Conrad said.

Freshman defender Christina Anderson made a big defensive stop, allowing senior forward Sarah Jessilonis to score. This gave

SU a 1-0 lead with a little

over 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

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in the first half.

"We felt really confident about the game at that point," Brasch said.

Virginia Wesleyan quickly responded, tying the game and sending it to overtime.

Neither team could gain control in the first overtime segment but the Marlins

were net the winning goal

in the second and remain undefeated.

"We can play with highly ranked teams and we showed what we are capable of. We need to focus on becoming better organized in our own back and improve our fitness level," Coach Jim Nestor said.

The Sea Gulls will take action on Wednesday Sept. 21 at 4:00 p.m. when they host Christopher Newport at the SU Soccer Complex.



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